

- (3) To review and approve biennially the information technology plans of the executive agencies and to review and comment biennially on the information technology plans of the Administrative Office of the Courts. This review shall include plans for the procurement and use of personal computers and workstations.
- (4) To recommend to the Governor and the Office of State Budget and Management the relative priorities across executive agency information technology plans.
- (4a) To issue certification of any State agency information technology project that requires or is expected to require the expenditure of funds in excess of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), whether the project is undertaken in a single phase or component or in multiple phases or components. The certification shall be issued when the Commission determines that the project complies with Commission policies, standards, and procedures. The Commission shall promptly report each certification to the Office of State Budget and Management, the Office of the State Controller, the Chairs of the Legislative Committees on Information Technology, and the Cochairs of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. No State agency, other than The University of North Carolina or any of its constituent institutions, shall allocate or expend funds in excess of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) on any information technology project without prior certification as required by this subsection. If an agency cannot determine whether a project or series of projects will require certification, the agency shall seek an opinion from the Commission. Upon review, the Commission may determine that a project is exempt from certification and shall advise the agency of its determination.
- (5) To establish a quality assurance policy for all agency information technology projects, information systems training programs, and information systems documentation. If at any time a certified agency information technology project is not in compliance with Commission policies, standards, or procedures, the Commission may suspend project certification and shall report the suspension to the Office of the State Controller, the Office of State Budget and Management, the Chairs of the Legislative Committees on Information Technology, and the Cochairs of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations may request the State Budget Office and the State Controller to take appropriate remedial action, up to and including the